Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the report reveals that it has been all along considered as a productive scheme, may I ask the Hon. Member to consider it as a protective one? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" That was also considered. If the hon. Member will read paragraph 6 of Mr. Mullings' report he will see that it cannot be held to be protective also as the failure of rains for the local crops must synchronize with the failure of this stream on which the crops are expected to rely."

Land Revenue Administration

Commutation rate of the price of paddy vis-a-vis *its present price.*

* 713 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the commutation rate of the price of paddy and its present price in each district in this province?

A.—A statement [a] giving the commutation rate for paddy on which the resettlement of each district was based, and the commutation price calculated on the price of paddy in January 1936 is appended.

Mr. P. Peddi Raju :—" Are the Government aware that the difference between the commutation rates and the present rates is much lower in the Godavari delta, and if so, whether they will consider the claims of the Godavari delta for more liberal remission? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" I would ask the hon. Member to read the figures carefully."

Sale of holdings in South Kanara for non-payment of land revenue.

* 714 *Q*.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of holdings which were advertised for sale for non-payment of land revenue since February 1935 in South Kanara district; and

(*b*) the number of holdings actually sold in South Kanara, the value realized at each sale, the area of the property sold and the tax due from each?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I ask, Sir, whether in view of the importance of the question, the Government will call for the information? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" I have already told the hon. Member once before that the proper course is to approach the Board of Revenue in the matter."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 519–520 infra.